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Attention: Examiner Julian Woo

Dear Examiner Woo:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney, Dr. Kenneth I. Kohn, this will confirm that the above-identified divisional patent application contains no new matter. Also, the claims to be prosecuted, in accordance with the previously-submitted marked-up copy of the application, are claims 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42 and 46. Applicant inadvertently miscounted the

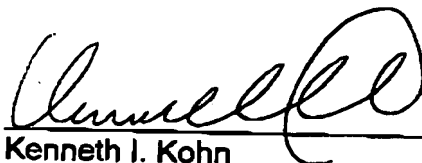
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number of claims to be prosecuted in the Application Transmittal Sheet. There are a total of 8 claims in this divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

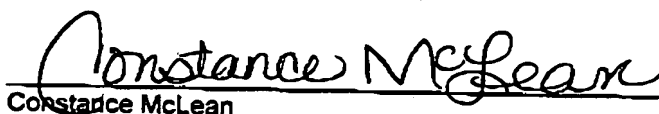
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